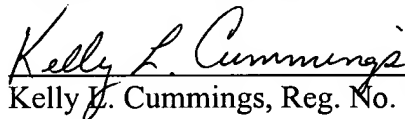


5,795,487 does not recite Applicants' specific stabilizers (except for alkali metal sulfamate) and Goodenough et al. neither teach nor suggest the order of steps for preparing Applicants' stabilized hypobromite solution. Accordingly, there would be no incentive for one skilled in the art to combine the addition of the stabilizers of Goodenough et al. with the method claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,795,487.

For the foregoing reasons, it is thought that claims 15-21 and 23 are allowable. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If the Examiner again rejects these claims, she is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney before issuing the rejection so that the patentable nature of the invention may be further discussed.

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